

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/969,780 filed October 4, 2001 (the "parent application").

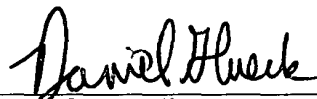
Claim 1 is pending. Claims 2 through 41 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The specification has been amended to include changes made in the parent application and to cross-reference that application so as to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to the Japanese Patent Application set forth on the enclosed Application Data Sheet. A certified copy of the application was filed on September 10, 2002, in the parent application. Favorable consideration and acknowledgement of the foregoing is earnestly solicited.

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